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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS FOR 1996

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The Secretariat is circulating herewith a list of meetings of intergovernmental and expert bodies in the economic, social and related fields to be held in 1996.

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MEETINGS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN 1996

Dates	Venue	Title
8-12 January	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 1/ - Pre-sessional Working Group
8-19 January	New York	Economic and Social Council- Working Group on the review of the arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations, third session
8-26 January	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1/ eleventh session
9 January	New York	Fifteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
15-19 January	New York	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session
15-26 January	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts
15 January-2 February	New York	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1/ fifteenth session
16 January	New York	States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, sixteenth meeting
22-26 January	New York	UNICEF Executive Board, first regular session
22 January-2 February	New York	Ad Hoc Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development 1/
25 January	New York	Economic and Social Council - Election of Bureau
25 January and 4 February	New York	Committee for the United Nations Population Award 1/
29 January-2 February	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child 1/ - Pre-sessional Working Group

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29 January- 9 February	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
29 January- 2 February	New York	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, resumed 1995 session
31 January- 2 February	New York	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-sixth session
5-16 February	New York	Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), 1/ third session
5-16 February	Geneva	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 1/ eighth session
6-9 February	New York	Economic and Social Council, organizational session
12-23 February	New York	Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, second session
19-23 February	Santo Domingo	INSTRAW - Board of Trustees, sixteenth session
26 February- 1 March	New York	Commission on Population and Development, twenty-ninth session
26 February- 1 March	New York	Commission on Sustainable Development - Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Sectoral Issues
26 February- 8 March	Geneva	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, second session
26 February- 8 March	Geneva	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Implementation, second session
26 February- 15 March	Geneva	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1/ forty-eighth session

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27 February- 8 March	Geneva	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate, third session
29 February	New York	Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, ninth session
February (1 week)	Geneva	Scientific and Technical Committee of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, seventh session
4-8 March	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
4-8 March	New York	Commission on Sustainable Development - Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Finance
11-15 March	New York	Human Rights Committee 1/ - Working Group on Communications
11-15 March	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Situations
11-15 March (2-3 days)	Geneva	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fourth session, first part
11-22 March	Geneva	Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, second session
11-22 March	Geneva	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Ports
11-22 March	New York	Commission on the Status of Women, fortieth session
18 March- 4 April	New York	Human Rights Committee, 1/ fifty-sixth session
18 March- 26 April	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights, fifty-second session
25-29 March	New York	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session

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March (1 week)	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, third session
8 or 15-26 April	New York	Commission on Sustainable Development, fourth session
9-12 April	New York	UNICEF - Executive Board, second regular session
15-19 April	New York	General Assembly, resumed fiftieth session on the question "Public administration and development"
15-23 April	Geneva	ECE, fifty-first session
16-19 April	New York	Statistical Commission - Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, eighteenth session
16-25 April	Vienna	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, thirty-ninth session
18-23 April	Vienna	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Committee of the Whole
22-26 April	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations
27 April-11 May*	Midrand, South Africa	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, ninth session
29 April-3 May	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Minorities
30 April-10 May	Geneva	Committee against Torture, 1/ sixteenth session
30 April-17 May	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, fourteenth session
April (1 day)	New York	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session

* To be preceded by a one-day meeting of senior officials on 26 April.

Dates	Venue	Title
April	Addis Ababa	ECA - Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, seventeenth session
April/May	Addis Ababa	ECA - Twenty-second meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-first session of the Commission
April/May	Bangkok	ESCAP, fifty-second session
April/May	San Jose	ECLAC, twenty-sixth session
2-3 May	New York	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session
6-17 May	New York	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 1996 session
13-24 May	Vienna	International Narcotics Control Board, sixtieth session
20-24 May	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, fifteenth session
20-24 May	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group
20-31 May	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, fifteenth session
20 May-7 June	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1/ twelfth session
21-30 May	New York	Commission for Social Development, special session
21-31 May	Vienna	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, fifth session
May (2 weeks)	Geneva	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session
May/June (4 weeks)	New York	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-sixth session, first part
3-7 June	New York	UNICEF - Executive Board, annual session
3-7 June	New York	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, forty-eighth session

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3-14 June*	Istanbul	United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)
10-14 June	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child 1/ - Pre-sessional Working Group
11-14 June	Geneva	UNCTAD - Regional Symposium for the Newly Independent and Developing Land-locked States in Central Asia
17-26 June	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
24 June-26 July	New York	Economic and Social Council, substantive session
Second quarter (1 week)	Addis Ababa	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African Region
Second quarter	A capital in the region	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East
1-5 July	Geneva	Human Rights Committee 1/ - Working Group on Communications
1-5 July	Geneva	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, fourteenth session
1-12 July	Geneva	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twelfth session
8-12 July	Geneva	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on Article 13, second session
8-19 July	Geneva	UNFCCC - Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, second session
8-26 July	Geneva	Human Rights Committee, 1/ fifty-seventh session

* To be preceded by pre-conference consultations on 1 and 2 June.

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9-15 July	Geneva	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, third session
9-15 July	Geneva	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Implementation, third session
11-16 July	Geneva	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate, fourth session
22 July-2 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications
29 July-2 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations
5-23 August	Geneva	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1/ forty-ninth session
5-30 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, forty-eighth session
12-23 August	Geneva	United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, eighteenth session
19-23 August	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, forty-ninth session
August/September (2 weeks)	New York	Committee for Programme and Coordination, thirty-sixth session, second part
2-6 September (2-3 days)	Geneva	UNITAR - Board of Trustees, thirty-fourth session, second part
3-13 September	New York	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 1/ ninth session
3-13 September	To be determined	Commission on Sustainable Development - Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, third session

Dates	Venue	Title
9-13 September	New York	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session
12 September	New York	Sixteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
16-20 September	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, sixteenth session
16-20 September*	New York	UNICEF - Executive Board, third regular session
17 September-December	New York	General Assembly, fifty-first session
23 September-11 October	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1/ thirteenth session
September (1 week)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-seventh session
September/October (2 weeks)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Trade and Development Board, forty-second session, second part
Third quarter (1 week)	Bangkok	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific Region
Third quarter (1 week)	Santiago	Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and Caribbean Region
7-11 October	Geneva	UNHCR - Executive Committee, forty-seventh session
14-18 October	Geneva	Human Rights Committee 1/ - Working Group on Communications
14-18 October	Geneva	Committee on the Rights of the Child 1/ - Pre-sessional Working Group
14-18 October	Geneva	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Implementation, fourth session

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* Subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

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14-18 October	Geneva	UNFCCC - Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, fourth session
21-23 October	Geneva	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on Article 13, third session
21-25 October	Geneva	UNFCCC - Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate, fifth session
21 October- 8 November	Geneva	Human Rights Committee, 1/ fifty-eighth session
28 October- 14 November	Vienna	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-first session
October (1 week)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Commission on International Investments and Transnational Corporations, twenty-second session
October (3 days)	New York	Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination
October (1 day)	Geneva	Special High-level Council for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, fourth session
October/November (2 weeks)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences
11-22 November	Geneva	Committee against Torture, 1/ seventeenth session
13-17 November	Rome	FAO World Food Summit
13-22 November	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, fiftieth session
18 November- 6 December	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, fifteenth session
27 November- 6 December	Geneva	Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, seventeenth session
November (1 week)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, fifth session

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November (1 week)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Tungsten, fifth session
November (1 day)	New York	United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
2-11 December	Geneva	Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, nineteenth session
9-13 December	Geneva	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Pre-sessional Working Group
December (1 week)	Geneva	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
December (1 week)	Tokyo	UNU Council, forty-third session
To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	UNCTAD - Special Committee on Preferences, twenty-third session
To be determined (1 week)	New York	Committee for Development Planning, thirtieth session
To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	Meeting of Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies
To be determined (2 weeks)	New York	Committee on Natural Resources, third session
To be determined	Geneva	UNCTAD - Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences
To be determined	New York	Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, thirty-seventh session
To be determined (2 weeks)	New York	Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa, substantive session
To be determined (2 days)	New York	Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa, organizational session

Dates	Venue	Title
To be determined	Geneva	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights

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1/ Subsidiary body of the General Assembly.